



Community News & Events

Assembly Speaker Karen Bass Joins Assemblymember Mary Hayashi to Promote Children's Dental Health



Assemblymember Speaker Karen Bass and Assemblymember Mary Hayashi toured the dental clinic at Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc. in Hayward on Thursday, May 8th to highlight the need to expand dental healthcare services for children and to raise awareness about the challenges related to access of dental healthcare services.

Dental treatments through DentiCal, a segment of MediCal, and Healthy Families are among the programs that the governor has earmarked to be cut from the 2008-09 State Budget. During the tour, Assemblymember Hayashi explained that tooth decay is the number one chronic health disease among children and the leading cause of school absences in California. Children who suffer from dental pain lack the ability to eat nutritiously, get adequate sleep, and remain attentive in class.



Dental problems are almost always preventable through regular checkups. School-based and dental clinic treatment programs help every child, especially low-income children, receive proper dental care in order to live without pain, nutritional problems, sleep deprivation, attention deficiency, or slower physical and social development. Even when the state faces a budget deficit, we must protect children's access to these services.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums Team-up to Promote Excellence in Physical Education



Assemblymember Hayashi and Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums teamed together to combat the epidemic of childhood obesity. They hosted a press conference at Oakland's Parker Elementary School on May 9th to promote new legislation, AB 2072, introduced by Assemblymember Hayashi.

Sponsored by the City of Oakland, the *Excellence in Physical Education Act of 2008* focuses on the need to encourage California's children to become more physically fit, and reverse the alarming rise of childhood obesity and chronic disease impacting our state. In 2001, 22 percent of California's school children were considered overweight. Four years later, that number increased to 28 percent. In addition, the results of the 2007 California Physical Fitness Test showed that 70 percent of public school students cannot meet state fitness standards.



AB 2072 will require the State Board of Education to establish a Physical Education Award Program. Modeled after the Governor's Performance Award program, it will provide non-monetary awards to schools that conduct physical education pursuant to the state's existing standards and demonstrate increasing numbers of students meeting minimum performance standards. To get started, Assemblymember Hayashi and Mayor Dellums invited students to participate in a jump rope activity.

Assemblymember Hayashi Receives Highest Score for Her Voting Record on Children's Legislation



Assemblymember Hayashi received the highest score given to any member of the 2007 Assembly for her voting record affecting children. The *Children's Legislative Report Card*, published by the Children's Advocacy Institute, reflects each legislator's votes on 24 bills including Assemblymember Hayashi's AB 834, which would have encouraged the renewal or amendment of local dental contracts to maximize the number of children served and to provide additional preventative services for children participating in the California Dental Disease Prevention Program.

Founded in 1989, Children's Advocacy Institute is located within the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego's School of Law. Its core mission is "to improve the status and well-being of children in our society by representing their interests and right to a safe, healthy childhood."

Assemblymember Hayashi Honors San Leandro's Marina Mechanical as the "Small Business of the Year"



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi named Marina Mechanical of San Leandro as the Small Business of the Year for the 18th Assembly District. Mr. Jim Hussey, president and second generation family owner, was honored for his steadfast leadership and longstanding support of the community at the "Salute to Small Business" day hosted by the California Small Business Association in Sacramento on Wednesday, May 28th.

Founded and headquartered in San Leandro since 1958, Marina Mechanical designs and installs environmentally-friendly commercial Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems that reduce energy consumption and the production of greenhouse gasses. Located in a 30,000 square foot facility, Marina Mechanical employs over 70 talented individuals with a company philosophy of treating employees and clients with honesty, integrity and respect. In an effort to support "green collar" careers, the company has made strong partnerships with the Sheet Metal Workers and the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters unions in order to support career technical training to produce the best trained employees. Congratulations on 50 Years of Success!

Assemblymember Hayashi Co-Authors Foreclosure Reform Bill - SB 1137



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi has co-authored SB 1137 (Perata, D-Oakland), which would implement important foreclosure process reforms to protect the hundreds of thousands of Californians who are in danger of losing their homes due to the mortgage crisis.

The bill takes several important steps to reduce the number of foreclosure sales by requiring lenders to contact borrowers in order to offer loan restructuring options, ensure that foreclosed properties do not contribute to neighborhood blight, and provide additional protections for tenants living in investor owned properties. For more information, [click here](#).

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi Hosts a Women's Health Fair in San Leandro



Over 400 women treated themselves to the gift of healthy living at Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's Women's Health Fair on Mother's Day weekend at San Leandro's Main Library. Attendees received free health screenings to test their blood glucose levels, blood pressure, bone density, spinal health and stress. They also heard presentations about Skin Care and Safe Cosmetics; Nutrition, and Healthy Eating with recipe demonstrations.

Local community organizations provided the latest women's health information at their exhibit booths and allowed the community to talk directly with health professionals. The health fair gave mothers and daughters an opportunity to come together and focus on healthy living. Pictured to the right are firefighters from the Alameda County Fire Department who stopped by to say hello.



Assemblymember Hayashi Co-Hosts a Regional Budget Town Hall May 3rd and Education Rally on May 15th

Approximately 200 community members joined Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and Assemblymembers Sandré Swanson (D-Oakland), Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley) and John Laird (D-Santa Cruz), Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, for a regional town hall meeting on May 3rd at Alameda's Encinal High School. The Town Hall examined California's budget crisis and its impact on our communities.



Since the May 3rd Budget Town Hall, the governor has released his May Budget Revise. Although the governor provides an additional \$1.1 billion for K-14 education in 2008-09 compared to his January proposal, his budget continues to have a \$4 billion shortfall. In addition, the governor has unfortunately proposed \$627 million more in cuts to health and human services. This budget will make it harder for poor families to qualify for social services and health coverage.



Assemblymember Hayashi remains committed to solving the budget deficit with a strong regard to values and livelihood for the people in the 18th Assembly District. The state budget should represent our values, and the legislature must persevere in finding solutions that will continue to protect working families and the most vulnerable of California's communities.

Hayward's Mobile Home Owners Association Given a Legislative Update from Assemblymember Hayashi



Thanks to the leadership of Kathy Morris, home owners from the 9 Hayward area mobile home parks were given a legislative update from Assemblymember Hayashi. She spoke about her support for AB 1542 (Evans) last year that would have prevented park owners from converting lot spaces from a rental to a condo-type purchase. The conversion of just one space from rental to sale would permit the cancellation of all rent controls for the entire park. Although the legislature passed the bill, the governor vetoed it. Most recently, the Hayward City Council unanimously voted in support of a city ordinance that requires a mobile home park owner to meet certain lengthy conditions in order to convert a mobile home park from renter-based properties to residential ownership.

Assemblymember Hayashi also provided information about her bill, AB 1909, that attempts to stop the second power plant from being built on the west side of Hayward. Most of the mobile home parks are located downwind from the proposed power plant and would be directly affected by its emissions possibly causing higher rates of respiratory ailments such as asthma among seniors and children.

Students Honored at Hispanic Community Affairs Council's Scholarship Luncheon



Assemblymember Hayashi congratulated 29 students who were awarded scholarships at the Hispanic Community Affairs Council Scholarship Awards Luncheon on May 9th at the Newark-Fremont Hilton Hotel.

The scholarships went to students who are planning to go to college as well as those who are already attending college. The Hispanic Community Affairs Council (HCAC) is a community-based organization in Alameda County, which in its 25 years, has raised and given out over \$1 million dollars in scholarship grants.



Holocaust Survivor and Dublin Resident Doreet Naidus Honored at the State Capitol



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored Dublin resident Ms. Doreet Naidus and other Holocaust survivors including Mr. Walter Kahn of San Leandro at the State Capitol as part of a Holocaust Memorial Ceremony. Ms. Naidus, who was born in Vienna, Austria, fled warnings of Adolph Hitler's troops with her family when she was just three years-old. Over the next eight years, Naidus' family were forced to spend time in jail, labor and concentration camps. Consequently, her family suffered from malnutrition due to scarce food until the war officially ended in 1945.

The Holocaust claimed the lives of six million Jews and five million others including gypsies, people of color, prostitutes, gays and lesbians, people with disabilities and political prisoners. Today, Ms. Naidus enjoys a peaceful life with her family as the hardships she has overcome serve as an inspiration to other survivors and the community at large.

Upward Bound students honored at CSU-EB Luncheon

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi congratulated some two dozen high school seniors with certificates who were honored at a luncheon for completing the Upward Bound. This pre-college program serves high school students as well as military veterans from low-income families, in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree, who are preparing to enter postsecondary education.

Upward Bound aims to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. The program provides academic instruction, tutoring, mentoring, cultural enrichment and work-study. The graduates were honored at the luncheon at CSU-EB by their parents, younger students in grades nine through 11 who are currently in Upward Bound and the community.

Chabot College Breaks Ground on Two New Buildings



Assemblymember Hayashi recognized Chabot College on the public groundbreaking of their new Community and Student Services Center and Instructional Office Building on Friday, May 23, 2008. The Center and Instructional Office will be a learning-centered institution that will enable Chabot students to succeed academically, progress in the workplace, and engage in civic and cultural life.

This project was possible thanks to the voters that passed Measure B in 2004. Our community has much to benefit from the expanded opportunities available for students from this endeavor.

New Las Positas College President Welcomed by the Community



Assemblymember Hayashi congratulates Dr. DeRionne Pollard in her new role as President of Las Positas College. Dr. Pollard is Las Positas' first African-American president to ever serve at the college. She recently moved to the Bay Area from Chicago where she acted as the Vice President of Educational Affairs as the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois. Dr. Pollard's commitment to life long learning, promoting equity and access to all students, and strengthening community partnerships will foster a new era of great success for the Tri-Valley area.

As the Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Community Colleges, Assemblymember Hayashi looks forward to working with Dr. Pollard in advancing the educational priorities of the district and to expand the workforce development opportunities for local businesses. Welcome!

Five Retiring Firefighters Honored for Their Service to Livermore and Pleasanton



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi honored five firefighters of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, IAFF Local 1974, who served our communities with great dedication and distinction. Those retiring include Fire Captain Sean Chapman, Fire Engineer Curtis Grasso, Fire Captain William Lockridge, Jr., Fire Engineer Lucia Miller, and Fire Captain Scott Walsh.

Assemblymember Hayashi thanks the firefighters for their years of service and congratulates them on their well-earned retirement.

Assemblymember Hayashi Recognizes Hayward's All Saints Catholic School for Its 60th Anniversary



On May 17th, Assemblymember Hayashi recognized All Saints Catholic School in Hayward for providing educational opportunities for 60 years. All Saints teaches students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grades. The school is dedicated to academic excellence and supporting parents who have chosen to send their children to a school that teaches the Catholic faith.

Assemblymember Hayashi extends sincere best wishes to All Saints' Pastor Stephen Mullin, Principal Linda Knox, students and parents for its continued success in the future.



Upcoming Events

Homeowners and Renters Assistance Workshop July 12th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Please join Assemblymember Mary Hayashi and her special guest, Board of Equalization Chairwoman Betty Yee, for a Homeowners and Renters Assistance (HRA) Workshop on July 12th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the New England Village Mobile Home Park's Clubhouse located at 940 New England Village Drive in Hayward.

The HRA program is a once-a-year payment from the State of California based on part of the property taxes assessed and paid on each primary residence. Administered by the Franchise Tax Board, eligibility requires the applicant to be at least 62 years of age or blind or disabled. The applicant must also live in a qualified residence, be subject to a total household income threshold, and a U.S. citizen or designated alien.

Board of Equalization staff will assist participants at the workshop with filling out the application forms. This is an opportunity for each qualified homeowner or renter within the 18th Assembly District to receive up to \$472 or \$347 respectively even if he/she did not pay income taxes last year.

For more information, please contact Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office at (510) 583-8818 or [click here](#).

Tip of the Month

Water Conservation Tips from East Bay Municipal Utilities District

On May 13, 2008, EBMUD's Board of Directors declared a water shortage emergency and established mandatory rationing to reduce district-wide water consumption by 15 percent. Here are some ways you can help reduce your water usage:

- Replace older toilets using 3.5 gallons or more per flush with toilets which flush at 1.3 gallons per flush. The water district will provide a rebate of up to \$150.
- As a less expensive alternative for replacing toilets using 3.5 gallons or more, you can install toilet devices such as displacement bags, toilet dams or adjustable flappers to save water.
- Install low-flow shower heads that use no more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute. A standard shower head uses five to 10 gallons per minute.
- Install easy low-flow aerators in you kitchen and bathroom faucets.
- Look for hidden leaks. Turn off all running water in the house. Check the reading on your water meter. Don't use any water for 30 minutes, then read the meter. If it shows water being used, then you have a hidden leak that needs repair.
- When running water in the sink or tub while waiting for it to get hot, put a gallon jug under the faucet. You can then use this water for other things around the house, such as watering plants. Don't turn on the water and walk away waiting for things to warm up.
- When brushing your teeth, run the tap only to rinse the toothbrush.
- Keep a container of water in the refrigerator rather than running tap water for a cool drink.
- For more information, [click here](#).

Resources Available

Publications Available



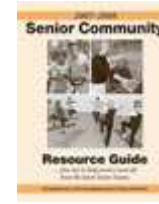
Child Immunization Law



Ovarian Cancer Resource Guide



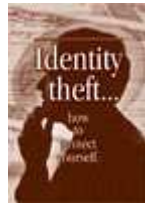
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.